

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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July 21, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONTRACT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND  
WATERWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES TO RECOVER FUNDING FOR THE  
LIFEGUARD DIVISION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR BOATING SAFETY COURSES  
AND OTHER MANDATED TRAINING  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Board approval authorizing the Fire Chief to renew the annual contract with the State Department of Boating and Waterways for reimbursement of costs associated with operational boating safety and marine firefighting training courses implemented by the Fire Department.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

1. Authorize the Fire Chief of the Fire Protection District (District) to renew the annual contract with the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways for the purpose of recovering personnel costs and incidental expenses incurred when conducting boating safety and enforcement training and other necessary or mandated training.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER  
BRADBURY

CALABASAS  
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CERRITOS  
CLAREMONT  
COMMERCE  
COVINA  
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EL MONTE  
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GLEN DORA  
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INGLEWOOD  
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NORWALK  
PALMDALE  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
PARAMOUNT  
PICO RIVERA

POMONA  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
WHITTIER

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of the recommended action will provide the District with the opportunity to receive reimbursement, up to \$75,000, from the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways Grant Funding Program for two Rescue Boat Operations and one Marine Firefighting training modules. The Department of Boating and Waterways Grant Funding Program provides reimbursement to authorized County agencies to offset personnel, equipment, and material costs for various boating safety and enforcement training.

The District's Lifeguard Division has been conducting boating safety and enforcement courses, under Board of Supervisors approval, for the past nine years. During this time, the District's Lifeguard Division has trained over 390 personnel and received reimbursement totaling \$373,000.

The boating safety and enforcement courses offered have been customized to meet State requirements as well as District operational standards. These courses include instruction on rescue boat operations, marine firefighting, distressed vessel assistance, surf rescues, boat dewatering, and life and property protection. This training is available to District personnel as well as other public safety agencies.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The reimbursement received by the District from the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways results in the recovery of staff time and miscellaneous expenditures associated with training, including equipment and fuel costs. The authorization to enter into contract for rescue boat operation training enables the District to offer and shape the type of instruction necessary to provide maximum public safety. Previously, our employees were required to attend training provided by outside agencies that was not customized to meet our operational standards.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:**

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #5. Public Safety: Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The State of California Department of Boating and Waterways will reimburse the District, up to \$75,000, for training costs associated with two Rescue Boat Operations training modules and one Boating Marine Fires module scheduled for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

The State of California Department of Boating and Waterways has provided the District with guidelines for the administration of this contract. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures allowable for reimbursement.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

Reimbursement and payment will be based and substantiated by personnel timekeeping and invoices for incidental expenses related to the training costs.

Once the contract is received and prior to the Fire Chief entering into this agreement, the contract will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:**

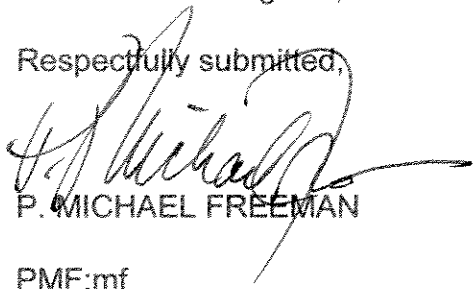
Approval of the recommended action will provide the District with the ability to provide personnel with a thorough and comprehensive Rescue Boat Operations and Marine Firefighting training program. This joint partnership between the District and the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways will enhance boating safety.

**CONCLUSION:**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter, and minute order, to the following offices:

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Executive Office  
1320 N. Eastern Ave.  
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Respectfully submitted,



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- c: Executive Officer  
Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller